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**WASHINGTON, DC** - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced that seven fire departments in the 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District will receive funding under the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program.

"Providing the funding necessary to allow our local fire fighters to be best equipped to do their job is critical to their safety and the overall safety of our community," **Arcuri said.** "This funding will go to good use to accomplish the goals of these local fire departments and make it easier for each to service their area."

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) AFG program awards grants in two areas. The first is the Operations and Safety Program Area in which funding is used for training, equipment, wellness and fitness and health and safety modifications to the facilities. The second is the Vehicle Acquisition Program Area would allow departments to purchase various types of rescue vehicles including ambulances, hazardous materials clean up vehicles, tankers and pumper trucks.

Below are the Fire Departments in the 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District that will be receiving AFG grants:

Morris Fire Department - Vehicle Acquisition - \$261,250

Harpursville Fire Department - Operations and Safety - \$42,386

Van Hornesville Fire Department - Operations and Safety - \$35,663

Borden Hose Company - Operations and Safety - \$47,975

Whitesboro Fire Department - Operations and Safety - \$77,520

Bridgewater Fire Company - Operations and Safety - \$42,047

Ilion Fire Department - Operations and Safety - \$40,375

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